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*"HOME OF ARMY MEDICINE"*

Photo by Esther Garcia

## Fall Fest on target

Ritchie Jackson demonstrates his skills during the archery demonstration at the annual Fall Festival held Saturday. The festival featured food, games, live entertainment, car show, parade, prizes and numerous activities for children as well as adults.

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## Drill Sergeant Legacy ends at Fort Sam

By Minnie Jones

Fort Sam Houston Public Information Office

Drill Sergeants and their recognizable campaign hat on Fort Sam Houston are now a distant memory. This comes after a Hat Removal Ceremony Friday at the 187th Medical Battalion. The ceremony marks the end of Drill Sergeants performing duty at all Advanced Individual Training installations throughout the Army.

The official date of the complete transition will be January 1, but the 187th Med. Bn. decided to start the changeover early. AIT Drill Sergeants will now assume the operational role of Platoon Sergeants and Military Instructors will now be performing an additional duty of Squad Leaders.

This change will increase the speed of "Soldierization" and the maturation

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## New community center opens in Harris Heights Housing area

By Esther Garcia

Fort Sam Houston Pubic Affairs

Friends of Fort Sam Houston, post leaders and distinguished guests joined Lincoln Military Housing staff for the official opening of the first community center in Harris Heights Housing on Fort Sam Houston with a ribbon cutting ceremony Monday.

Maj. Gen. Russell Czerw, commanding general, Army Medical Department Center and School and Fort Sam Houston

began his opening remarks with, "I think this a great day!"

Czerw quoted a recent statement by Secretary of the Army Pete Geren and Army Chief of Staff Gen. George Casey, "Our Army must continue to examine the ever changing needs of our Families, and never cease in our effort to provide our Families a quality of life commensurate with the quality of their selfless service."

"The Army cares," said Czerw. "And it is up to every installation, such as Fort Sam Houston, to ensure that Families

actually see the tangible evidence of our support to their needs and quality of life every single day. Our partnership with Lincoln Military Properties is an example of this commitment. It is a team effort."

The new community center includes a catering kitchen, two living areas, dining area, homework area, pool and playground for use by Families who live in the Harris Heights Housing area. The center is also available for individual

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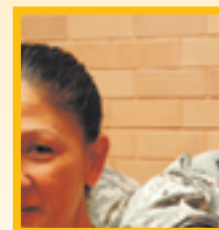
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# Post, Camp Bullis get sprayed for mosquitos

The Directorate of Public Works is providing adult mosquito control on an area-wide basis, as needed throughout Fort Sam Houston and Camp Bullis, Texas. The pesticides used will be those approved by the DPW Environmental Division for adult mosquito control. Products will be dispersed from vehicle mounted power spraying equipment driven throughout the installation using ultra low volume techniques with strict adherence to product labeling.

There have been no known cases of mosquito borne diseases this year at Fort Sam Houston or Camp Bullis, however spraying is needed as a routine preventive measure during an above average

rainfall year. These pesticide operations will be performed during either early morning or early evening hours depending on particular targeted species of mosquitoes, temperature and wind speed. Operations will continue until the mosquito population is decreased to an acceptable level.

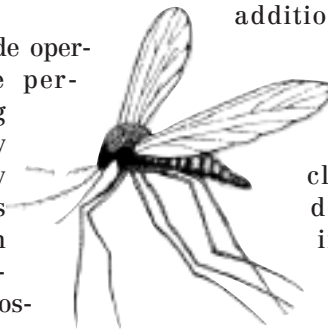
In addition, pest control technicians will routinely utilize powered ground spray, hand held and slow release mosquito control briquettes to treat areas of both installations. These procedures pose no new or

additional health hazards to the general public. Personnel are advised to close windows, doors and stay inside if they observe spray operations in their areas. Parents should keep children away from the spray vehicle as a precaution. The pesticide fog dissipates within minutes and at that time personnel can resume routine activities. Residents and building managers can also assist in reducing mosquito problems by taking precaution. Get rid of any old tires, tin cans, buckets, drums, bottles or any water-holding

containers. Fill in or drain any low places, puddles or ruts in the yard. Cover trash containers to keep out rainwater. Repair leaky pipes and outside faucets. Empty wading pools. Fill in tree rot holes and hollow stumps that hold water with sand or concrete. Change water in bird-baths and plant pots or drip trays at least once each week. Keep grass cut short and shrubbery well trimmed around homes and buildings to reduce hiding places for adult mosquitoes.

For more information, call the Directorate of Public Works Environmental Division at 221-4842.

(Source: Directorate of Public Works Environmental Division)



# USARNORTH to sharpen skills during Vigilant Shield 2008

By Sgt. 1st Class Lori Simmons  
U.S. Army North Public Affairs Office

Service members and civilians from U.S. Army North began participating in Vigilant Shield 2008 Monday, a weeklong national-level exercise involving federal, state and local agencies across the United States and Guam.

Army North Deputy Commanding General, Brig. Gen. Francis Mahon, said

the exercise "is a great opportunity for all of us to work together, now, prior to a crisis."

During the next several days, homeland defense and civil support scenarios will test Army North's procedures and refine the command's ability to work with other participants during a civilian-led response to a potential threat or crisis.

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## News Briefs

### FEW to host luncheon

Federal Employed Women, Alamo City Chapter #123 will host a luncheon today at 11:30 a.m. at the Sam Houston Club. The topic for discussion will be long-term care with guest speaker, Clair Booth, LTC planning specialist, and Susan Ferrise with information and display for Breast Cancer Awareness Month. The buffet lunch is open to everyone. The cost is \$7 for members and \$8 for nonmembers. For more information, call 221-7070.

### Combat Medic Run

The 27th Annual Combat Medic Run will be held Saturday. The event comprises four different categories: 10K individual and 5-person guidon team, 5K individual run, 5K 28-Soldier formation run and two-mile fitness walk. There are three ways to register: stop by the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center, mail in the form to Morale, Welfare and Recreation, 1212 Stanley Rd., Building 124, San Antonio, Texas 78234 or visit the Combat Medic Run Web site at [www.portsamhoustonmwr.com](http://www.portsamhoustonmwr.com) for the link to the registration page. Packet pick-up is at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center on Friday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., with a pasta dinner from 5 to 7 p.m. Late registration will be held Saturday from 6 to 7 a.m. on site at the intersection of Worth and Stanley Road. All participants need to be registered and on-site no later than 7 a.m. For more information, call 221-3185.

### 'Red Ribbon Week'

"Red Ribbon Week" will be held Sunday to Oct. 27. The national event began in honor of Enrique "Kiki" Camarena, Drug Enforcement Administration special agent, who was killed in 1985 by drug traffickers. Former first lady Nancy Regan embraced the campaign and, in 1988, Congress proclaimed the first U.S. Red Ribbon Campaign. The goal of "Red Ribbon Week" is to encourage children to stay drug-free. Schools all over the nation will be participating in the campaign by wearing red ribbons, attending rallies and conducting other activities. McGruff and the Crime Prevention Section will be handing out Red Ribbons at various locations on Fort Sam Houston in support of the campaign.

### Ribbon-cutting ceremony

The U.S. Army Medical Department Center and School will host a ribbon-cutting ceremony Tuesday at 8:30 a.m. for Dunlap Hall, the new Department of Nursing Science building. The ceremony will be held on the east side of the building, which faces the NCO Academy.

### Practical Nurse Course graduation

The graduation ceremony for the Brooke Army Medical Center Practical Nurse Course, 68 WM6, Class 6-10 will be held Friday at 2 p.m. at Evans Auditorium with a reception following. For more information, call Nancy Long at 295-4050.

# U.S. Army Corps of Engineers awards largest San Antonio BRAC contract to date

FORT WORTH, Texas - The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Fort Worth District, has awarded the largest single contract in the San Antonio Base Realignment and Closure Program. The Gilbane Building Company, which has a regional office in San Antonio, received a contract for almost \$92 million Sept. 29 to construct the Joint Center of Excellence for Battlefield Health and Trauma Research on Fort Sam Houston near Brooke Army Medical Center. The size of this contract exceeds the total amount of all the contracts awarded for the San Antonio BRAC Program through September.

The San Antonio BRAC Program is a construction and renovation initiative aimed at providing the facilities and infrastructure necessary to support implementation of the 2005 BRAC legislation. BRAC recommendations called for relocating several administrative and medical training missions to San Antonio, as well as consolidating certain missions that

already existed at local installations. This initiative is scheduled to continue through September 2011 and is expected to cost in excess of \$2 billion.

The new Joint Center of Excellence for Battlefield Health and Trauma Research will be located near BAMC at the U.S. Army Institute of Surgical Research, a subordinate component of the U.S. Army Medical Research and Materiel Command. The contract calls for building offices and laboratory space, as well as renovating portions of the institute. This new complex is intended to help integrate the combat casualty care research missions and functions of all the military services.

The BRAC Program stands to have immediate and long-term positive economic effects on San Antonio. The use of local contractors, sub-contractors and vendors will bring millions of dollars into the economy. More than \$125 mil-

lion in contracting opportunities has been designated for small businesses alone. The construction contract totals for both Fiscal Year 2008 and FY 2009 are projected to be more than \$600 million in each of those years. The facilities built and renovated at Fort Sam Houston during the BRAC Program are expected to make way for as many as 11,000 additional military personnel and federal employees.

Representatives of the Corps of Engineers are part of the Joint Program Management Office, which is overseeing design and construction efforts for the San Antonio BRAC Program. The JPMO is a joint military service entity that represents a partnership between the Corps and the Air Force Center for Engineering and the Environment, along with other agencies of the Army, Air Force and Navy, as well as private-sector contractors.

(Source: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers News Release)

# Purple Heart recipients honored as 'heart and soul' of America

Story and photo by Jen Rodriguez  
Brooke Army Medical Center

According to Col. David Baker, the pride of the Army sat in the seats of the Brooke Army Medical Center auditorium Oct. 9 for a Purple Heart ceremony.

"You are the heart and soul of our great nation," said Baker "You have given more to this nation than the average person on the street. People in the field keep fighting because of you."

Baker, BAMC Troop Command Commander, was the guest speaker at the Oct. 9 Purple Heart ceremony that honored a dozen recipients. Two honorees received dual medals.

The Purple Heart is awarded to members of the armed forces of the United States who are wounded by an instrument of war in the hands of the enemy.

"I'm truly humbled by who you are and what you've done," he said. "...so puff your chest out, hold your head back because you own and earned it (Purple Heart)."



BAMC Troop Command commander Col. David Baker along with BAMC Troop Command, Command Sgt. Maj. Cornell Richardson Jr. offered their congratulations to the Purple Heart honorees, during the Oct. 9 Purple Heart ceremony. Recipients were Staff Sgt. Jessie Bagcal, Sgt. Jason Melton, Sgt. John Takai, Sgt. David Walker, Spc. Ryan Jaycock, Spc. Blair Didion, Spc. Quentin Lee, Spc. Leland Thompson, Spc. Christopher Vance, Pfc. Channel Harris, Pfc. Keith McCollough, Pfc. Jacky Moore.

With that said, Baker published the orders.

Purple Heart honorees were: Staff Sgt. Jessie Bagcal, infantryman assigned to A Troop, 2-7 Cavalry, 4th Brigade Combat Team, injured April 22 in Iraq. Serving as a convoy commander on a security mission, Bagcal's vehicle was struck by an improvised

explosive device resulting in multiple injuries.

Sgt. Jason Melton, a combat engineer assigned to the 111th Engineer Company (SAPPER), 1st Engineer Bn., 1st Infantry Div., was injured Nov. 26, while conducting a route clearance operation. Melton's

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### Public Works closure

The Directorate of Public Works will be closed Oct. 24 from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. for organization day. For emergencies, call 221-3144

### Quadrangle Closure

The quadrangle will be closed Oct 26 for the Army North organization day. For more information, call 221-9035 or e-mail lori.a.simmons@us.army.mil.

### CPAC closure

The Civilian Personnel Advisory Center will be closed Oct. 26 from 12 to 4 p.m. for Organization Day. For more information, call 221-1425.

### HHC change of command

Capt. Hillary Klingman will assume command of Headquarters and Headquarters Company, U.S. Army Garrison from Capt. Clayton Curtis Oct. 26 at 10:30 a.m. at the main post flagpole on Stanley Road.

### VIC Job Fair

A Veterans in the Classroom Job Fair will be held Nov. 1 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Sam Houston Club for retired, retiring and separating military veterans and their spouse who are interested in pursuing teaching careers with a focus on math, science and technology. For more information, call 295-4806 or 241-0742.

### Retiree Appreciation Day

The Fort Sam Houston Retiree Council and the Retirement Services Office will host the Annual Retiree Appreciation Day Nov 3 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the U. S. Army Medical Department Center and School, Building 2841, Willis Hall, at the corner of Harry Wurzbach and Stanley Road. Flu shots, cholesterol screening, blood pressure screening, and many other medical screenings will be available, as well as representatives from TriCare, Texas Veterans Commission and more. For more information, call 221-9004.

### Federal Benefits Open Season

The open season for the Federal Employees Health Benefits Program, Flexible Spending Accounts and the Federal Employees Dental and Vision Insurance Program will be held government-wide Nov. 12 through Dec. 10. To better service the civilian workforce at Fort Sam Houston, the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center will host a two day event; one for Brooke Army Medical Center civilian employees at BAMC and one on Main Post for all other civilian employees. The schedule is as follows: Nov. 6 from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the BAMC, Medical Mall pediatrics care area and Nov. 7 from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the San Antonio Credit Union conference room, Building 2750. Employees can make open season enrollments, changes or cancellations through the Army Benefits Center-Civilian Web site at <https://www.abc.army.mil> or by calling toll-free 877-276-9287. For more information, call the Civilian Personnel Advisory Center at 221-2526.



Dancers from A and R Productions perform a dance routine from their Latin musical revue "Rumba Dreams" in Carmen Miranda style costumes during the Hispanic Heritage Luncheon Oct. 10 at the Fort Sam Houston Club.

## Hispanic Heritage Luncheon a huge success

Story and photos by Minnie Jones  
Fort Sam Houston Public Information Office

The Fort Sam Houston annual Hispanic Heritage Luncheon was held Oct. 10 with over 200 military and civilians in attendance.

The luncheon opened with the 323rd Army Medical Command Latin Band playing to the crowd a mixture of Latin selections and setting the tone for what was yet to come; a rousing and exhilarating

performance by Roni and the Latin Explosion and A and R Productions. The group highlighted all spectrums of Latin rhythms and performed routines from their Latin musical revue "Rumba Dreams."

The audience was also treated to a broad assortment of Latin entrees and dessert prepared by the Fort Sam Houston Club.

The event culminated with keynote speaker Dr. Lorena Gonzalez, a native San Antonionan and graduate of South Sans High School. Gonzalez is a national speaker and conducts training, keynote speaking and consulting services to educational and corporate entities. She sits on various boards within San Antonio and is a former City of San Antonio Commissioner on Family and Children, with her specialty in leadership training for families and youth.

During her address, Gonzalez recognized the contributions of Hispanic Americans to the United States, Hispanic's heritage and their culture of collectivism, creativeness and resourcefulness.

Gonzalez told the story of her father, Homer, who left Mexico for America with no money and speaking very little English, but he had a dream of a better life. She spoke of how her father worked hard as a spinach picker in Texas and then a cook in Hollywood Calif., saving his money so he could bring his family to America. She noted that he is living proof of

the American dream, but also to the Mexican-American dream.

"It's that collectivism, creativeness, resourcefulness and united group of people, we have a long legacy of doing that, Gonzalez said. There are amazing Latin-Americans, Hispanic-Americans who have contributed tremendously to who we are today, noting America's first Rear Admiral David Farragut, famous for the Battle of Mobile Bay. We are an amazing culture that has made great contributions to this country."

She told the audience to look in the mirror, "As you look into the mirror, stop to think of your success. Stop to think who made that sacrifice for you – and who from afar dreamed only a dream for you. Look into that mirror and recognize who you are – and only then can you turn to the next person and say come with me. That's how our country is going to move forward, all united and collective," said Gonzalez.

Dr. Gonzalez was presented with a commemorative U.S. Postal Stamp honoring the contributions of Hispanic Americans as a token of Fort Sam Houston's appreciation. The stamp depicts several Hispanic men and a woman in uniform representing each branch of the military and a young boy and girl in the background as symbols of a promising future. The stamp was unveiled to the public in 1984 by President Ronald Reagan.

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process of the AIT Soldiers by compelling them to take personal responsibility and help them by developing leadership traits to succeed as they move from a total controlled environment to a limited controlled training program.

"The transition will expose AIT Soldiers to the leadership structure that they are going to experience at their first duty assignment, because there are no such things as Drill Sergeants when they go over to Fort Hood or Fort Lewis. We are now trying to expose them to the command structure sooner, and at the same time integrating more leadership via turning the cadre into squad leaders. This change will decrease the ratio – so now instead of having one Platoon Sergeant in charge of 40 to 50, you will have two to three squad leaders in there assisting the Platoon Sergeant and conducting training," said Lt. Col. Michael Hershman, commander, 187th Medical Battalion.

The change will also provide continuity for leadership in all aspects of training and will offer additional Military Occupational Specialty specific assistance to AIT Soldiers outside the classroom when needed.

During the ceremony, some Drill Sergeants were emotional when it came to relinquishing their campaign hat for the beret because of what the hat has come to symbolize for them. Although reluctant, the Drill Sergeants also recognize and understand that the Army's black beret represents the Army's commitment to transform, pride, unity, values and a symbol of Army excellence.

Staff Sgt. Everett Holmes, drill sergeant, C Company, 187th Medical Battalion, has been in the Army for 12 years and on "the trail" as Drill Instructor for 10



Photo by Capt. Henry Schnedler

Staff Sgt. Nina Washington, drill sergeant, B Company, 187th Medical Battalion, relinquishes her campaign hat during a Hat Removal ceremony Friday at the 187th Medical Battalion. The ceremony marks the end of Drill Sergeants performing duty at all Advanced Individual Training installations throughout the Army.

months, "The campaign hat serves as the blue print for Soldiers who seek to distinguish themselves from their peers as trainers of the force and above all else, leaders, said Holmes. "No other headgear in the U.S.

Army commands more respect, discipline and commitment from those who wear it or have to stand before it... Although I am close to the end of my time on the trail, I will still miss wearing it."



Photo by Minnie Jones

Staff Sgt. Everett Holmes, drill sergeant, C Company, 187th Medical Battalion, wearing the campaign hat as he talks to AIT Soldiers.



## COMMUNITY CENTER from P1

parties, events and activities.

Allison McKay, operations director for LMH, said "Over the past two-and-a-half years Lincoln Military Housing development along with our general contractor, Galaxy Builders, and the local Residential Community Initiatives staff have completed several projects within the housing community."

McKay said, "We are excited to open the first community center within Fort Sam Houston



Photo by Esther Garcia

1st Sgt. Timothy Sprunger looks on as his son Jack Sprunger tries out the slide on the new playground located at the new community center in Harris Heights Monday. "This center is very convenient. We've been waiting for it a long time," said Sprunger.

Family housing. It is the first of three."

McKay said the community center is intended to be the focal point of the community for neighborhood events, activities, and Family and social gatherings.

In March 2005, in partnership with the Army, military housing and its operations were transferred to Lincoln Military Housing. Since then LMH has demolished and rebuilt 181 homes in Harris Heights; completed major renovation of 198 historic homes; minor renovations on 205 homes in Watkins Terrace, and maintained an average occupancy of 97 percent while completing the renovation and rebuilding of new homes.

McKay said several more projects are underway to include the next community center at Watkins Terrace scheduled to open in December. The renovation of the officers' club located on Dickman Road will be transformed into a residence community center. McKay said the residence center will include a business center, meeting room, catering kitchen and arcade/teen room. The grand ballroom will be maintained as is. The center will have tennis courts, a pool, a sports court and a



Photo by Spc. Rachel Moore

Maj. Gen. Russell Czerw, Army Medical Department Center and School and Fort Sam Houston commander, Allison McKay, Operations Director, Lincoln Military Housing, Col. Wendy Martinson, Fort Sam Houston Garrison commander, Theresa Elhabr, Residential Communities Initiatives, Michell Czerw, Command Sgt. Maj. Howard Riles, and Command Sgt. Maj. Pedro Class, officially open the first community center in Harris Heights during a ribbon cutting ceremony Monday.

playground. It is projected for completion in late spring, 2008.

Playgrounds in each village on Fort Sam Houston will be completed by the end of this year.

"The FSH RCI team was asked in 2003 to summarize their vision of a housing experience. Their response was to provide Soldiers and their Families with high quality housing in livable communities through partnering, collaboration and residence focus services. We believe we are one step closer to achieving their vision with the opening of the community center here today," said McKay.

## BAMC combats influenza, starting with vaccinations

Brig. Gen. James Gilman, commander of Great Plains Regional Medical Command and Brooke Army Medical Center, along with the BAMC leadership staff kicked off BAMC's influenza vaccine campaign on Monday at the hospital's medical mall.

Influenza, also known as the flu, is a contagious disease caused by the influenza virus. It attacks a human's respiratory tract in the nose, throat and lungs.

Unlike a cold, influenza usually comes on suddenly and may include symptoms, such as: fever, headache, tiredness (can be extreme), dry cough, sore throat, nasal congestion and body aches.

This year, the influenza vaccine will be offered for active duty, and other beneficiaries ages 18 and older throughout the hospital. The flu vaccine is mandatory for all active duty members, and highly recommended for all hospital staff.

Active duty vaccines will be given: Friday from 5:30 to 8 a.m. at the BAMC entrances; Oct. 29 from 6 to 11:30 a.m. at BAMC auditorium; and Oct. 24 to 26 from 6 a.m. to 12 p.m., mobile teams.

All other beneficiaries ages 18 and older, vaccinations begin Friday from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. BAMC Medical Mall; Wednesday to Oct. 26 from 1 to 3 p.m. BAMC Medical



Photo by Jen Rodriguez

Great Plains Medical Command and Brooke Army Medical Center Command Sgt. Maj. Donna Simmons doesn't flinch Monday as she receives her annual flu shot from Sgt. 1st Class Daniel Dorgan, noncommissioned officer-in-charge of Primary Care.

Mall; Nov. 3 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., AMEDD Center and School, Retiree Day; Nov. 6 to 9 from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., BAMC Medical Mall; Nov. 13 and Dec. 3 and 4 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Fort Sam Roadrunner, Building. 2797, Stanley Road.

Additionally, the following clinics: BAMC Allergy/Immunization, Family Practice, Pediatrics and Adolescent Clinics, McWethy Troop Medical Clinic and Camp Bullis will offer the vaccine, but persons should check with their enrolled clinic for specific times.

On an average, 226,000 people are hospitalized every year because of influenza. About 36,000 people, mostly elderly, die from the virus.

(Source: Brooke Army Medical Center Public Affairs)

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combat helmet was struck by an IED resulting in post concussion syndrome, hearing loss and traumatic brain injury.

Sgt. John Takai, an infantry team leader assigned to Bravo Co., 1-28th Infantry, 4th Brigade Combat Team, 1st Infantry Div., was injured June 29 in Baghdad. While conducting an area reconnaissance, Takai's vehicle was struck by an IED resulting in combat injuries.

Sgt. David Walker, a combat medic assigned to the 111th Engineer Co. (SAPPER), 1st Eng. Bn., 1st Infantry Div., received two Purple Hearts for injuries on April 16 and 26 in Iraq. While conducting a route clearance operation, Walker's vehicle was struck by an IED resulting in back injury and traumatic brain injury.

Spc. Blair Didion, a combat medic assigned to Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 1st Bn., 7th Armor Cavalry, was injured Jan. 10, 2005 in Iraq. While on maneuvers in a Bradley fighting vehicle, Didion's vehicle was hit by an IED resulting in lacerations and bruises to his left shoulder.

Spc. Ryan Jaycock, serving as an infantryman assigned to A Co., 2-12 Infantry, 2nd BCT, 2nd Infantry Div., was injured June 19 in Iraq. As a gunner in the lead vehicle performing a mounted patrol, Jaycock's vehicle was struck by a rocket resulting in shrapnel wounds to his knees, shoulders, right calf, left hand, two broken fingers and a concussion.

Spc. Quentin Lee, an infantryman assigned to Alpha Co., 2-8 Cavalry, 1st BCT, 1st Cavalry Div., was injured Aug. 22 in Iraq. While on maneuvers in his Bradley fighting vehicle a vehicle-born IED detonated and hit Lee's vehicle resulting in TBI and hearing loss.

Spc. Leland Thompson, an infantryman assigned to Alpha Co., 2-16 Infantry, 4th BCT, 1st Infantry Div., received two Purple Hearts for injuries sustained May and June, while serving in Iraq. While on patrol May 15, an explosively formed penetrator hit his HUMVEE resulting in shrapnel to his right eye. On June 9, Thompson's vehicle was hit by a rocket propelled grenade resulting in shrapnel to the legs.

Spc. Christopher Vance, a combat engineer assigned to Bravo Co., 70th Engineer Co., was injured April 14 in Iraq. Vance's unit was conducting a recovery mission when his vehicle came under direct enemy gunfire. During the skirmish an explosion occurred, resulting in wounds to his right hand and hearing loss.

Pfc. Channel Harris, a water treatment specialist assigned to the 615th Aviation Support Bn., 1st Air Cavalry Brigade in Iraq, was injured Aug. 15. While exiting a building, an inbound mortar attack stuck close proximity to Harris resulting in fragment wounds to her right medial ankle and a tibia artery tear.

Pfc. Keith McCollough, a motor transport operator assigned to the 494th Transportation Co., was injured Aug. 23. McCollough was conducting Transport Convoy Operations, when multiple IEDs detonated hitting his vehicle, resulting in a right posterior leg wound and partially lacerated Achilles tendon.

Pfc. Jacky Moore, a field artillery tactical data systems specialist assigned to Charlie Battery, 2-12 Field Artillery Regiment, Infantry Div., was injured June 16 in Iraq. Moore was on patrol when his vehicle was hit by an IED resulting in fragment wounds to his shoulder, arm, thigh and knee, along with facial lacerations.

## Housing update

# Water main replacement in Patch-Chaffee

The Corps of Engineers will replace deteriorated water mains beneath Service Road S-22, located between Patch and Chaffee Roads.

The Service Road will be closed to residents for safety and to minimize potential delay while the construction is on-going in the area. Residents are asked to keep children and pets away from the work areas. Residents will need to park vehicles on the street in front of their homes. Residents will not have access to garages during this time period. Trash containers and recycle bins must be placed in front of the resident's home.

The water main replacement will be accomplished in phases with the work in each phase to be done by blocks. The timeframe for upcoming scheduled work is as follows:

- The water line installation from Taylor Road to Lawton Road should be completed by Friday. The homes affected are 722 to 734 Patch Road and 773 to 785 Chaffee Road.
- The existing asphalt and spoils will be hauled away from Wilson Road to Taylor Road through Friday.

- There will be a water outage for all Patch-Chaffee homes between Wilson Road and Lawton Road Monday and Tuesday (if necessary) from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., to install cross connections from old to new mains, tie-in lateral services and fire hydrants.

- The asphalt replacement will start from Wilson Road to Taylor Road Monday.
- The water line installation from Crockett Road to Schofield Road is scheduled to be tentatively completed by Friday. The homes affected are 808 to 816 Patch Road and 837 to 853 Chaffee Road.

- Mobilization and the beginning of directional boring under Harney Road will be through Friday.

- Phase III, Schofield Road to the end of water line installation by Worth Road, will begin Oct 29.

Residents are encouraged to contact Lincoln Military Housing at 270-7638, for any concerns with the project or if they experience unannounced outages with utilities or any damages have incurred as a result of the project.

(Source: Residential Communities Initiative)

## Blood is fluid of life

The Brooke Army Medical Center Blood Bank is running critically low on AB negative blood.

Akeroyd Blood Donor Center is reaching out to you for your support to accomplish a mission for life.

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## Domestic Violence Prevention Awareness Month

# Dating violence not uncommon among teens

By Wendy Dolan  
Special to the News Leader

Love can be exciting, especially for a teenager in a first relationship. As a parent it can be uncomfortable to realize that their teenage child is in a romantic relationship.

However, most teens between the ages of 13 and 18 have been in a dating relationship. In a Children Now/Kaiser Permanent poll, eighty-nine percent of children in this age group said they have been dating. Surveys also show dating violence is not uncommon among teens.

Sometimes teen relationships seem like "puppy love" to the parent but relationships between teens can be intense and all-consuming. Because teens have few previous relationships to compare with, they may be more vulnerable to an unhealthy, violent relationship.

Teen dating violence is often hidden because teens are inexperienced, are pressured by peers to act violently, want independence from their parents, and/or they have romantic views of love.

In a February 2005 study conducted by Teenage Research Unlimited, one in three teenagers reported knowing a friend or peer who has been hit, punched, kicked, slapped, choked or physically hurt by their partner.

In this same study, 80 percent of teens regarded verbal abuse as a "serious issue" for their age group. Various surveys and studies are consistently suggesting that teen dating violence is an issue with teenagers.

As a parent or caregiver of a teenager, you are in the best position to discuss how to stay clear of abuse, be respectful of others and find healthy relationships. Sometimes this is veiwed as a "girl issue," but

talking to your teen about dating and potential dating violence is essential for a daughter or a son, because it is happening to boys, as well. Boys, however, are less likely to report it.

One of the first actions for a parent is to know the early warning signs and discuss these with their teenager. Help teenagers recognize these warning signs in their own relationships or in friends' relationships, since most teenagers will go to a peer with a problem.

It can be challenging for a parent to identify a potentially abusive partner because they are often charming in public, especially with parents. Pay attention to how the partner treats your child rather than how he appears to you.

One or more of the following indicators may be a sign that a child is in an abusive relationship:

- Child apologizes for partner's behavior and makes excuses for them.
- Child loses interest in activities they once used to enjoy.
- Child stops seeing friends and family members and becomes more isolated.
- When together, the partners calls the child names and puts him/her down.
- Partner acts jealous of others who pay attention to child.
- Partner tells your child that you don't like him.
- Partner controls child's behavior, checking up on them constantly.
- Partner casually mentions his/her violent behavior, but laughs it off as a joke.
- Parent see the partner violently lose temper.
- Child has unexplained injuries.

Parents can step in and help. It is important to start talking with your teenager and begin a dialogue where the teen feels safe and not

judged. However, before talking with your teen about dating violence, it is important to think about your own experiences with relationships. What kinds of behavior and ethics have been role-modeled?

Beginning a conversation with teenagers can be difficult. Find a comfortable environment and listen respectfully. Confirm that you are a good resource and a non-judgmental listener. Keep in mind that teens may just want someone to listen, not someone to give them advice or try to solve their problems. It is just as important to give them support and skills for solving problems themselves. Watch for signs that your teen wants to talk and be ready to listen. Notice if your teen tries to get you alone, hangs around where you are but has nothing to say or does not feel well but has no

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physical problems.

Ask your teen if they have ever seen abusive behavior between two people who are going out. You may have to give examples and clarify what defines abusive. Your views of what is considered abusive may be surprisingly different, but this can lead to a longer discussion about what makes a relationship healthy. A healthy relationship would have mutual respect and open communication. This is a great opportunity to speak to boys about their perceptions of respect and relationships. Some boys feel pressure to show power and control in their relationships. This is a good time to clarify roles.

Finally, ask your teen

what they would do if they or a friend were in an abusive relationship. Reinforce that they may need to assist a friend by telling an adult. Listen to what your teen has to say, tell them you are there whenever they want to talk. As a parent, it is vital to be able to recognize the warning signs and establish open communication. Let your teen know that they are important and deserve to be treated with respect.

For more information on teen dating violence, visit the National Youth Violence Prevention Web site at [www.safeyouth.org](http://www.safeyouth.org) or call 866-723-3968. The National Teen Dating Abuse Helpline is 866-331-9474.



## Sports Briefs

### 5K fun run/walk

Come participate in a 5K fun run/walk Oct. 27 starting at 9 a.m. at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center. Registration fee is \$10 per person. For more information or to register, call Will Lloyd or Lucian Kimble at 221-2020 or 221-1234.

### Intramural basketball league

The Fort Sam Houston Garrison intramural basketball league begins Nov. 26. A coaches' meeting will be held Nov. 9 at 1 p.m. at the Brigade Gym. Letters of intent should be mailed to Earl Young at 1212 Stanley Road, Building 124, Suite 20, Fort Sam Houston, TX 78234 by Nov. 5. For more information, call 221-3185 or e-mail earl.t.young@us.army.mil.

### Intramural bowling

The Fort Sam Houston Garrison intramural bowling league begins Jan. 7. Letters of intent for intramural bowling are due Dec. 3 to Earl Young at 1212 Stanley Road, Building 124, Suite 20, Fort Sam Houston, Texas 78234. A coaches' meeting will be held Dec. 12 at 1 p.m. at the Fort Sam Houston Bowling Center. For more information, call 221-3185 or email earl.t.young@us.army.mil.

### Deep water exercise classes

Deep water exercise class will be held Saturdays at 9 a.m. at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center Pool. Class is 45 minutes in length with an option of using buoyancy belts. The majority of the class instruction is in deep water with a few intervals in the shallow portion of the pool. Deep-water exercise is designed for everyone from the beginner to the conditioned athlete. The buoyancy of water enhances flexibility and range of motion. The resistance of the water allows an increase in muscular endurance and cardiovascular fitness in an environment that protects the joints from weight bearing stress. This type of activity is a great cross training tool from those individuals who are seeking higher PT scores to post rehabilitation. Bring a water noodle if possible to class. For more information, call the fitness center at 221-1234.

### Conditioning classes

A muscle conditioning class, which includes total body strength training, is offered Fridays from 5 to 6 p.m. at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center. A total body conditioning class, comprising 50 minutes of cycling and 30 minutes of core conditioning, is held Saturdays from 9 to 10:20 a.m. at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center. For more information, call the fitness center at 221-2020.

### Post Basketball team defeats SAC

The Fort Sam Houston Men's Basketball Team defeated San Antonio College Saturday at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center, with the final score of 98-61. The Fort Sam Houston Rangers were led in scoring by Josh Collins with 27 points and 12 rebounds. The Rangers lead the entire game. Sgt. 1st Class Richard Williams 363 the Head Coach said, "We had a good rebounding game, but still need to improve on defense."

#### Game Statistics

Name	Points	Rebounds	Assist
Josh Collins	27	12	3
Corey Russe	14	0	2
Spec. Daniel Kendrick	13	4	4
Staff Sgt. Gerald Boyd	12	6	0
Staff Sgt. Dante Langston	10	3	7
Sgt. 1st Class Edward Myles	6	12	3
Sgt. Rayshon Love	6	1	2
Keith Sheeler	4	2	0
Pvt. 1st Class Jamaar Wright	2	0	0
Jahaad Washington	2	2	2
Pvt. 1st Class Napoleon Wilson	2	0	0
Sgt. 1st Class Mark Belle	0	0	0

### VIGILANT SHIELD from P2

The first responders to an emergency situation are the local and state governments, and then federal agencies, Mahon explained. Army North's mission is to support and fill in any gap in capabilities when requested by the agencies leading the response.

Mahon said the foundation of this support lies with the defense coordinating officers and their defense coordinating element staff.

The DCOs work daily to form partnerships with various Federal Emergency Management Agency offices in 10 regions within the United States. Establishing these

relationships with FEMA and other agencies before disaster strikes helps DOD understand potential support requirements and shorten the military's response time.

Army North headquarters will exercise mainly at Fort Sam Houston, Texas, and two of the command's DCOs will exercise with federal and state partners in Portland, Ore. and Mesa, Ariz.

The North American Aerospace Defense Command, U.S. Northern Command and the Department of Homeland Security are sponsors of the exercise.

Army North is the Army Component of Northern Command, the unified command responsible for homeland defense and civil support.

## Cougars start district with a tough win

The Robert G. Cole High School football team began district 30-2A play with a tough 28-14 victory over the Dilley Wolves Oct. 12 at Cole Stadium. Led by RJ Evans' 164 yards rushing, the Cougars sealed the game with Evans' third touchdown of the night on a one yard plunge with two minutes and 39 seconds left in the fourth quarter. Both schools scored early and often as Cole took a 21-14 lead on the first play of the second quarter. The game then settled into a hard hitting defensive struggle until Evans' late score. The Cougars are now 1-0 in district and 5-1 overall. The Cougars face Jourdanon Friday at 7:30 p.m. at Jourdanon.

### WOULD YOU LIKE TO LIQUIDATE YOUR CREDIT CARD DEBT? IT CAN HAPPEN.

The Financial Readiness Program at Army Community Service offers this service. For more information, call 221-1612.



## Commissaries put medical hold on Banquet chicken, turkey potpies

**FORT LEE, Va.** – Commissaries worldwide removed Banquet turkey and chicken potpies from store shelves while health officials investigate possible salmonella contamination. The move comes after a ConAgra Foods announcement Oct. 9 advising consumers not to eat the frozen turkey and chicken potpies or generic-brand products bearing the "P-9" notation on the side of the package.

The Defense Commissary Agency has instructed its stores to place the following products in medical hold pending the results of the investigation, DeCA food safety officials said:

- Banquet Chicken Broccoli Pot Pie, 7-ounce package, UPC: 03100010100
- Banquet Chicken Pot Pie,

7-ounce package, UPC: 03100010101

- Banquet Turkey Pot Pie, 7-ounce package, UPC: 03100010103

Health officials in several states advised ConAgra Foods that a number of consumers had been diagnosed with salmonella that may be linked to Banquet chicken and turkey potpies. Salmonella is a bacterium that can cause food borne illnesses with symptoms such as fever, diarrhea and abdominal cramps. For people in poor health or with weakened immune systems, salmonella can cause life-threatening infections.

ConAgra Foods reminds consumers that these products are not ready-to-eat, and must be thoroughly cooked per the package instructions. These instruc-

tions are designed to eliminate the presence of common pathogens found in many uncooked products such as potpies. Microwave cooking times vary, depending on the wattage of the microwave, so carefully following all instructions is important.

Commissary patrons who have these products at home should stop consuming them. They can return the

product label, including the side panel that contains the code "P-9," to the store of purchase for a refund. They can also send the side panel of the package to ConAgra Foods for a refund at the following address: ConAgra Foods, Dept. BQPP, P.O. Box 3768, Omaha, Neb. 68103-0768.

For more information regarding the cooking of Banquet pot pies, call 866-

484-8671 or visit the Web site at <http://www.conagrafoods.com/contactus>.

For information on this advisory or any food safety alerts or recalls, patrons can go to the DeCA Web site at <http://www.commissaries.com>, click on the "Food Safety" section and access links to various consumer safety sites.

(Source: Defense Commissary Agency News Release)



# Fire Department Open House fun for all

By Cheryl Harrison  
Fort Sam Houston Public Information Office

Fort Sam Houston was a hub of activity Saturday, with the annual Fall Fest and the Fire Department Open House. Activities were offered for children and grown-ups of all ages throughout the day.

Bright blue skies beckoned a crowd to the Fort Sam Houston Fire Department Saturday, with promises of fun, food, prizes and recognition of the winners of the safety poster contest conducted at the Fort Sam Houston elementary school. The crowd also enjoyed a live fire demonstration at the training grounds, with billowing smoke and the retrieval of a "dummy" from inside the burning building.

Col. Wendy Martinson, commander, U.S. Army Garrison was on hand to present the winners of the poster contest with awards and prizes for their artwork depicting the open house theme of "Practice your Escape Plan." The children were

kindergarteners through fifth grade.

During Martinson's remarks, the children followed her instructions on the count of three and yelled "Practice your escape plan" encouraging the Families to remember the importance of fire safety and to recognize the fire station.

"Recently our fire department received the Best Fire Department in the Army in the category of the small installations," said Martinson. "We are really happy about that. And just this past week our department completed the Tri-annual Operations and Readiness Inspection. Our fire department was sited as having very strong leadership and a highly motivated firefighter force. We are very proud of them for the hard work they have done."

Martinson then recognized Firefighter Anthony Garcia for his exceptionally meritorious duty performance as firefighter for Fort Sam Houston. Garcia was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation.

The winners of the Fort Sam Houston Fire Department poster contest are a follows:

- Kindergarten: First Place, Samantha Bagcal; Second Place, Alejandro Gonzalez; Third Place, Patrik Ilges
- First Grade: First Place, Joshua



Photo by Joe Miyaski

At a training facility across from the Fort Sam Houston Fire Department, a live fire demonstration was held at the department's Open House Saturday. The demonstration enabled the audience to watch the firefighters in action during a controlled fire, and to watch as a "dummy" was pulled from the smoke and flames.

Goforth; Second Place, Xavier Player; Third Place, Eileen Velasco

• Second Grade: First Place, Hannah Garcia; Second Place, Samaria Williams; Third Place, Giselle Thirakul

• Third Grade: First Place, Alec Argueta; Second Place, Alejandra Gonzalez; Third Place, Meredith Lunkenheimer; Honorable Mention, Destin Jennings

• Fourth Grade: First Place, Leanne Ballares; Second Place, Morgan Desormeaux

• Fifth Grade: First Place, Ebony Coleman; Second Place, Alicia Taylor; Third Place, Matt Brown.



Photo by Cheryl Harrison

Winners of the Fort Sam Houston Fire Department poster contest waited patiently for their name to be called and be presented with a plaque and prize. The children were kindergarteners through fifth grade from the Fort Sam Houston Elementary School.



Even the youngest of ladies want to make sure their hat is on straight for a photo op and Lillyanne Reeves, 14 months old, is no exception. Little Lillyanne was one of many children who enjoyed the activities available during the Fort Sam Houston Fire Department Open House Saturday.



Photos by Cheryl Harrison

Col. Wendy Martinson, Fort Sam Houston Garrison commander, presented Firefighter Anthony Garcia with a Certificate of Appreciation for his exceptionally meritorious duty performance.



The Headquarters Company, United States Army Garrison honors platoon led the Fall Festival Parade down Dickman Road.



Children, as well as adults enjoy a live animal show presented by SeaWorld that included a baby kangaroo, alligator, a talking parrot, African worms, plus much more at Fall Fest Saturday.



(From left) Capt. Scott Leifker, Sgt. Maj. Mary Hayes, Sgt. William Sallee, Warriors in Transition, relax at the designated area provided by Sprint, a sponsor for the Fall Fest. Wounded warriors had the opportunity to visit with Jesse James Leija, former boxing champion, and Mike Mitchell, former San Antonio Spur, win prizes and participate in activities such as the Sprint NASCAR Racing Experience.

Pvt. Kimberly Perry, Pvt. Baschau Vo, Pvt. Tabitha Gregory, C Company, 264th Medical Battalion, and Stephanie Greene, join singers Elizabeth Ruiz and Gregg Stevens, with the Tailpipes, on stage at the fall festival. The Tailpipes donated their time and performed 50s and 60s era musical selections.



Pvt. Jeff Wing, C Company, 187th Medical Battalion, hangs on tight and tries not to fall from the mechanical bull. The mechanical bull was one of several activities available at the annual Fall Festival held at the U.S. Army South Headquarters grounds.



## Something for everyone at annual Fall Festival

Story and photos by Esther Garcia  
Fort Sam Houston Public Affairs Office

A good time was enjoyed by all at the annual Fort Sam Houston Fall Festival Saturday at the U.S. Army South Headquarters grounds.

The annual event featured live entertainment, a variety of food booths, games, a parade, arts and crafts, fire engines, children's games and activities, vintage car show, celebrity appearances, chili cook-off, NASCAR race car simulators, archery demonstration, fire engines, a live animal show presentation by SeaWorld and prizes.

Brittney Rodriguez was the lucky winner of a 1999 Chevy Cavalier.

Maj. Gen. Keith Huber, commanding general, United States Army South, Col. Wendy Martinson, U.S. Army Garrison commander and Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Pedro Class joined members from the military and civilian communities in the parade.

Participating in this year's parade included the All American Armed Forces Parade Association, the Army Medical Command Band, Military Order of the Purple Heart Chapter #1836, SeaWorld, Sprint NASCAR, Fort Sam Houston Fire Department, Fort Sam Houston Rough Riders, wounded warriors and much more.

The America's Army Experience exhibit provided visitors with insight

into today's high-tech Army. After receiving briefings, participants entered the mission simulator area, where they executed a simulated operation in the War on Terrorism.

Sprint was on hand with NASCAR race simulators giving away prizes for the top three racers in the simulators. Sponsored by Sprint, celebrities, Jesse James Leija, former boxing champion, and Mike Mitchell, former San Antonio Spurs, visited with wounded warriors and signed autographs for everyone. A designated tent was set up for the wounded warriors where they had an opportunity to win prizes and enjoy free food.

The Army Medical Command Latin Band entertained the crowd with cumbias and salsa music. Donating their time, the Tailpipes brought back memories with songs such as Mustang Sally and Kansas City.

Morale, Welfare and Recreation and Fort Sam Houston would like to thank sponsors Century 21 United, Army Air Force Exchange, SeaWorld, First Command, Military Benefit representatives, DeVry University, Sunshine Dental Care, Rudy's Barbeque, Power 106.7, Y100, Texas Department of Veterans of Foreign Wars, USAA, CarX, Econo Paint and Body, and Sprint/Nextel for their contributions and support of the military community and the Fort Sam Houston Fall Festival.



# School Leaders Convene in Dallas

By Jayne Hatton  
Fort Sam Houston Independent School District

Eustace Lewis, Fort Sam Houston Independent School District school board vice-president, joined more than 8,000 public school trustees, superintendents and other education leaders at the 47th Annual Texas Association School Board/Texas Association of School Administrators Convention in Dallas Sept. 28 to 30.

The joint gathering for the TASB and the TASA focused on extensive

training opportunities, distinguished speakers and the latest information on public education issues, trends, and innovative programs. It is the largest training event of its kind for Texas school trustees and superintendents.

Dr. Gail Siller, FSHISD superintendent, said, "Current law and school district policy requires school board members to receive training on the Texas Education Code and statutory provisions related to Texas school district governance. The TASB/TASA Conference is a great

way for board members to meet annual training requirements and network with other board members throughout Texas."

Two former legislators, Bill Bradley and J.C. Watts, engaged in a spirited point-counterpoint exchange, sharing their views on the future of the public education system.

Kenneth Cooper, M.D. spoke on the battle against childhood obesity. Cooper, recognized as the leader of the international fitness movement, has led health initiatives for chil-

dren in Texas. Cooper's mission is to get kids moving and encourage optimum health in all segments of the population.

"This conference helps board members and administrators keep current on governance issues and national trends in education. It is important that board trustees of the Fort Sam Houston school district be knowledgeable of national and state trends to better meet the needs of our highly mobile student population," said Lewis.

## Fort Sam Houston Independent School District

Weekly Campus Activities – Monday through Oct. 27

### Fort Sam Houston Elementary School

#### Monday

Literary pumpkins due by 10 a.m.  
Literary pumpkins judged, 10 a.m.  
Positive Behavior Support incentive ice cream social for kindergarten to second grade  
Wear red ribbon for Red Ribbon Week

#### Tuesday

Literary pumpkin winners announced  
PBS ice cream social for grades three through five

#### Oct. 25

FSHISD school board meeting in professional development center, 11 a.m.

#### Oct. 26

PTO board meeting, 8 a.m.  
Pick up literary pumpkin  
End of first nine weeks  
Spirit day

### Robert G. Cole Middle and High School

#### Monday

Marching contest, Comalander Stadium, 10:30 a.m.

#### Tuesday

Varsity volleyball vs Gervin Academy at Cole, 5 p.m.  
Wednesday  
Cross country meet at Dilley, 9 a.m.

#### Oct. 25

FSHISD school board meeting in professional development center, 11 a.m.

Junior Varsity Football at Cotulla, 7:30 p.m.

#### Oct. 26

Pep rally schedule  
Varsity football vs Cotulla at Cole, 7:30 p.m.  
End of first nine weeks

# Elementary students acknowledge Hispanics' contributions

By Dr. Kathy Maxwell  
Fort Sam Houston Independent School District

Fort Sam Houston Elementary School resembled an "Institute of Hispanic Culture" with classrooms, halls, library, cafeteria and lobby dotted with artifacts, artworks, books and objects representing the Hispanic culture.

During the month long celebration, students learned about the contributions of Hispanic Americans and the cultures from which they come. They also learned about ethnic diversity that is a vital part of the United States.

According to "Multicultural Education: Issues and Perspectives: Banks and Banks, 1992," "Integrating the cultures in the social studies classroom helps develop 'ethnic literacy' in all students. Developing ethnic literacy fosters pride in one's own culture and a respect and appreciation for the uniqueness of others."

Three fourth-grade students were named as



Fourth grade students lead elementary students and teachers in the Macarena at the Hispanic Heritage celebration.

winners in the Post-Wide Hispanic Heritage poster competition. Student winners, Gabriel Abin and Melvin Bowen, from Kathy Maxwell's class, and McKenzie Troncoso from Terri Bills' class were recognized at the Hispanic Heritage Luncheon held at the Roadrunner Community Center Oct. 10.

Andrea Garcia's visual arts classes created special pieces for display in honor of this special celebration. The specific mediums used were metal rubbing, water color and charcoal.

Fourth grade students, under the direction of music teacher Sandra Fergins, hosted a performance for younger students, celebrating the contributions of the Hispanic people and culture.

Many parents visited classrooms to share their background, experiences and their culture with the students. Parents read familiar stories to the children in Spanish while special objects, traditional clothes and artifacts from the parents' homelands were displayed.

The celebration included a Hispanic Heritage luncheon for parents Oct. 10. More than 100 parents visited the school to share a lunch of Mexican food with the children. The luncheon was prepared entirely by elementary food service staff.

## Cole Hispanic Heritage celebration highlights mercado

By Jordan Maney  
Cole Senior

countries.

Located in the Cole mall area, the hard work by all the students was immediately obvious. A huge crowd of students, teachers and members of the community came out to celebrate and learn about Hispanic cultures.

Cole senior, and Sociedad Honoraria Hispanica president, Jennifer Gibson summed up the event, "You've got to learn about different cultures and learn to appreciate the beauty of diversity."

In addition to the country booths and food, there was

plenty of live entertainment. An all-female mariachi band, "Damas de Jalisco", charmed the mall crowd; while spectators in the cafeteria enjoyed some home-grown entertainment from

Cole Principal, Dr. Roland Rios, lawn maintenance custodian David Rodriguez, salsa dancers, Reggaeton musicians and the high school's guitar club.

"The event was a huge

success," said Senor Manuel Chacon. "As soon as you entered the building, you got the aromas of a cultural environment. All the Latin American countries were represented very well."

## Students host 'Muffins for Mom'

By Jayne Hatton  
Fort Sam Houston Independent School District

Eighth grade parents joined students Friday for a special event called Muffins for Mom. The Cole Middle School students in the Skills for Living class, prepared muffins, coffee and juice before school in preparation for the event.

The Skills for Living class is a semester long, elective class offered to eighth grade stu-

dents at the middle school.

"Students learn about teamwork, leadership, goal setting, etiquette, food service and event planning in the class," said Nancy Hildenburg, Cole teacher. "The class helps students build confidence and develop skills necessary for different social situations."

The students will host, Donuts for Dad, Friday from 7:45 to 8:15 a.m. for parents of the eighth grade students in the Cole Middle School mall.



# MWR Community Recreation

## Combat Medic Run

The 27th Annual Combat Medic Run will be held Saturday at 7 a.m. The event comprises four different categories: 10K Individual and 5-Person Guidon Team, 5K Individual Run, 5K 28-Soldier Formation Run and two-mile fitness walk. There are three ways to register; stop by the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center; mail in the form to Morale, Welfare and

Recreation, 1212 Stanley Road, Building 124, San Antonio, TX 78234; or visit the Combat Medic Run page at [www.fortsamhouston-mwr.com](http://www.fortsamhouston-mwr.com) for the link to the registration page. Packet pick-up will be Friday from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center, with a pasta dinner from 5 to 7 p.m. For more information, call 221-3185.

## 'Boxing at the Brought'

Boxing at the Brought V will be held Saturday at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center beginning at 6 p.m., doors open at 5 p.m. Admission is \$5. Come out and witness the

strength and skill of all the contestants bringing more extreme and competitive bouts. The official Boxing at the Brought T-shirts are available for \$5. For more information, call 221-2020 or 221-1180.

## BOSS Halloween Bash

Members of the "Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers" will hold a Halloween Bash Oct. 27 from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Fort Sam Houston Bowling Center. Participants can enjoy free unlimited bowling at that time. This is a family event and open to the public. For more information, call 224-7250 or 221-3683.

## Canyon Lake Halloween Party

The Fort Sam Houston Canyon Lake Recreation Area will hold its Second Annual Halloween Party Oct. 27 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. The event will feature haunted hay rides, phantom pontoon boat rides and numerous other spooky surprises. The event is open to all Department of Defense ID Card holders and Family members. The only cost is the entrance fee into the park. For more information, call 830-226-5357 or 888-882-9878.

## Dining and Entertainment

### Sam Houston Club

#### National Pasta Day Super TGIF

Come celebrate National Pasta Day Friday starting at 4:30 p.m. at the Sam Houston Club. Enjoy free all-you-can-eat pasta and karaoke. For more information, call 224-2721.

### MWR Ticket Office

The ticket office is open Tuesdays through Fridays from 10

a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and closed Sundays and Mondays. For more information, visit [www.fortsamhoustonmwr.com](http://www.fortsamhoustonmwr.com) or call 221-1663 or 224-2721.

## Army Community Service

### Identity theft class

The Financial Readiness Program will hold an identity theft class today from 2 to 4 p.m. in Building 2797. Seating is limited. The class provides information on how to avoid becoming a victim, how to recognize signs and what to do if you become a victim. To register, call 221-1612.

### Army 101

Army Family Team Building will present AFTB Level 1, Army 101, today from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at Army Community Service, Building 2797, Stanley Road. New spouses, Family members, Soldiers and Department of the Army civilians are welcome to attend and find out about Army life. Level 1 teaches acronyms, rank

## Strike Zone

### Now open in the bowling center

Strike Zone, Fort Sam Houston's newest location for lunch, dinner and snacks, is now open in the Bowling Center located on Schofield Road. The hours of operation are Tuesdays through Fridays from 5 p.m. to close, Saturdays from 9:30 a.m. to close and Sundays from 2 p.m. to close. Strike Zone is the most popular of the Army's popular branded restaurants and offers casual, quick-service hot and cold sandwiches, salads, snacks, pizza and premium hot and cold beverages and is a great place for birthday parties or unit functions. Bring the family to the Strike Zone for a great meal before hitting the lanes. For more information, call 221-4740.



structure, chain of command/concern, community resources, customs and courtesies and much more. For more information, call Alicia at 807-3111 after 5 p.m. To register, call ACS at 221-0946.

### Investment seminar

Army Community Service will sponsor an investment seminar Oct. 31 at 9 a.m. at the ACS Auditorium, located at 2797 Stanley Road. For more information or to register, call 221-1612.

## Child and Youth Services

### Halloween costume party

A Halloween costume party will be held Oct. 27 from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Youth Center. Entry fees are \$3 for those with no costume and \$2 for members with a costume. For more information, call 221-3502.

### Halloween carnival

School Age Services is having a Halloween carnival Oct. 31 from 4 to 6 p.m. at School Age Services, Building 1705. There will be a variety of games and prizes. The after school groups will host game booths and show off Halloween costumes. This event is free and open to the community. For more information, call 221-4466.

### Parent Advisory Council meeting

A Child and Youth Services Parent Advisory Council meeting will be held Nov. 20 from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Child Development Center. Lunch will be provided. All CYS patrons are encouraged to attend. This is an opportunity to meet staff, attend parent workshops and learn about upcoming events. PAC meetings are held the third Tuesday of each month. For more information, call 221-4871 or 221-1723.

### Central Registration

Child and Youth Services registration is Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. for kindergarten through fifth grade. Walk-ins and appointments are welcome; however, patrons will be seen by appointment only after 4 p.m. Central Registration is located inside Army Community Service, Building 2797. To register a child, parents must bring current shot records, two local emergency contact names, health assessment within the last 12 months, sport physical (must

be valid through the entire selected sport season), child's Social Security number, sponsor's Leave and Earnings Statement and spouse's W2 form. Registration fee and activity fee is \$18. For more information, call 221-4871 or 221-1723.

### CYS needs instructors

Child and Youth Services is recruiting instructors for driver's education, cooking, leadership skills, mentoring, tutoring, voice, guitar and Spanish. For more information, call 295-4806 or 221-1103.

### FCC providers

Family Child Care is seeking Family members interested in becoming certified FCC providers. There is a no-cost start-up plan. For more information, call 221-3828.

### Off-post childcare options

The Army Child Care in Your Neighborhood program offers military Families more childcare options in the local community. There are two childcare centers and 25 civilian providers in surrounding areas of Fort Sam Houston available for use by local Army Families. The centers and providers are monitored to ensure they meet Army standards. For more information, call the Family Service Association at 431-7570 or Fort Sam Houston Central Registration at 221-4871.

### Family Child Care Online

Family Child Care Online is a marketing tool that allows parents to take a virtual tour of FCC homes. In addition, parents can read about the provider's philosophy of care, hours of operation and background. This online tool can be accessed weekdays from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at Child and Youth Services Central Registration, Building 2797.

### Youth basketball registration

Central Registration will hold registration for basketball Nov. 1 through Dec. 7. Practice begins Dec. 3. Patrons must be registered with Child and Youth Services. To register, patrons must provide Leave and Earnings Statement, spouse's W2 form, updated shots records for kindergarten through fifth grade, a current sport physical valid through the entire season, the child's Social Security number and two local emergency designees, \$18 registration fee and basketball fee of \$45. For more information, call the Sports

Office at 221-3502 or Central Registration at 221-1723.

### Sport physicals

Patrons interested in winter sports

should make appointments for sport physicals now. Patrons will need a sport physical to register. Sport physicals must be valid for the entire sport season. Patrons must be registered

with Child and Youth Services to participate in sports. For more information or registration requirements, call Central Registration at 221-4871 or 221-1723.



## COMMUNITY Events

### AT&T Championship

The AT&T Championship presented by Alcatel-Lucent will be held Friday to Sunday at Oak Hills Country Club. Tournament officials announced that four-star Champions Tour rookies, Bernhard Langer, Nick Price, Jeff Sluman and John Cook have committed to play this year's tournament. The tournament director has offered special passes for the military. The special passes can be picked up today at the Jimmy Brought Fitness Center, Keith A. Campbell Library, Fort Sam Houston Golf Club, Sam Houston Club and Army Community Service. For more information, call 221-9904.

### San Pedro Springs Park walk

The Trinity Trekkers Volksmarch Club will host a 10K and 5K walk Saturday starting at 8 to 11 a.m. at the San Pedro Springs Park and across from San Antonio College on San Pedro Blvd. For more information, call David Toth at 521-8684 or e-mail trintrek@sbcglobal.net.

### AccessAbility Festival

The FamilyStrong along with Mission Roads Ministries, Texas Public Radio and 120 other partner organizations will host an AccessAbility Festival Monday from 12 to 5 p.m. at the Institute of Texan Cultures, "Back 40" Grounds Area, 801 S. Bowie Street. The event is free and open to the public. Children and adults with disabilities and their families

are welcome. Bring a picnic lunch and enjoy the grounds of the Institute of Texan Cultures. For more information, call 299-8139 ext. 248.

### Donor Awareness 5K run/walk

The Vital Alliance Volunteer Organization will sponsor the 10th Annual Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness 5K run/walk Oct. 27 at 8 a.m. at Brackenridge Park, Koehler Pavilion. For more information or to register, call 614-7030, 866-685-0277 or visit [www.varunwalk.org](http://www.varunwalk.org).

### 259th/307th Military Police reunion

The 259th/307th Military Police veterans will hold a reunion Oct. 27 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Fort Sam Houston Club. This will be the fifth reunion for the men who went through basic training at Fort Sam Houston and Camp Bullis from 1950 to 1951. About 35 members and guests will attend. For more information, call Bill Culvahouse at 806-637-8915.

### USO Halloween party

Military Families are invited to attend a Kids' Halloween Party and Pumpkin Patch event Oct. 29 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the United Service Organizations Downtown Community Center, 420 E. Commerce St., San Antonio. Children are encouraged to wear costumes. For more information, call the USO at 227-9373, ext. 12.

### Cash and Carry sale

A Cash and Carry sale of Non Appropriated Fund property will be held Oct. 31 from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Building 4192, Bays A and C. Personal check or cash with picture ID will be

accepted forms of payment. All sales are final. Items must be removed at the time of purchase. Items for sale include microwave ovens, desk chairs, typist chairs, tables, computer monitors, TV/computer hutches, round activity tables, nightstands and four drawer credenzas. Also executive desks, computer equipment and software and much more. For more information, call the Morale, Welfare and Recreation Warehouse at 221-4449 or 221-4950.

### Scion Slam 2007 Military Tour

Skylark Community Center presents the 3-on-3 Scion Slam 2007 Military Tour Nov. 10 at 8 a.m. Come by and compete to win a variety of cash prizes — over \$4,000 in prizes will be given away. This event also includes a hip hop DJ/Emcee, test drive, prizes and giveaways for all attendees. Enter into the Scion Slam Custom Car Show for a chance to win prizes. For more information or to register, call 671-3906 or 671-3920 or visit [www.scion.com/scionslam](http://www.scion.com/scionslam).

### Tops in Blue

The United States Air Force Services presents Tops in Blue "The Fly-By," a musical tribute to 60 years of proud Air Force history. This spectacular show will be at the Majestic Theatre Nov. 13 at 7:30 p.m., doors open at 6:30 p.m. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, call 671-2619 or visit [www.lacklandservices.com](http://www.lacklandservices.com).

### High school senior scholarships

The Alamo City Chapter — American Society of Military Comptrollers is accepting nominations

for their graduating high school senior scholarships. The chapter will award two \$500 scholarships to two qualified and deserving graduating high school seniors. Each high school can nominate two individuals. For an application, students should contact their high school senior adviser; the deadline is Nov. 15. For more information, call Bill Pazeretsky at 536-4180.

## Training

### Resume-writing workshop

The Family Employment Readiness Program will offer a "how to" workshop on civilian resume writing Wednesday from 9 to 11 a.m. at Army Community Service, Building 2797. Reservations are requested. This workshop is free to all military and civilian I.D. cardholders. For more information, call Jennifer Swiger at 221-0516.

### ROTC Green to Gold Program

The Fort Sam Houston Education Center will hold a Reserve Officers' Training Corps Green to Gold briefing Oct. 25 and Nov. 15 at 11 a.m. and 1 p.m. at Army Learning Center, Building 2247, at the corner of Stanley and New Braunfels Ave. The Army ROTC Green to Gold Program allows active duty service members to attend college, to earn a bachelors' degree or advanced degree and commission as a Second Lieutenant. Qualified enlisted Soldiers with officer potential, who have served at least two years on active duty, may apply for enrollment in Army ROTC. For more information, call St. Mary's University representatives Capt. Varela at 436-3415, Maj. Garlits at 458-5607 or 12th Brigade representative Amy Gagnon at 295-2005.

## Meetings

### Retired Officers' Wives, Widows Club

The San Antonio Area Retired Officers' Wives' and Widows' Club will meet Tuesday at 11 a.m. at the Sam Houston Club. For more information or reservations, call Arline at 822-6559.

## Religion

### Women's retreat

The Gift of Grace women's retreat will be held Nov. 2 and 3 at the Hyatt Resort in Lost Pines, Texas. The retreat will begin Nov. 2 at 6:30 p.m. with a social gathering and prayer and end Nov. 3 at 3:30 p.m. with a service. The suggested donation is \$40 per person. Spouses of deployed and wounded warriors are invited at no charge. For more information or to make a reservation, call Brian Merry at 221-5006 or e-mail [brian.r.merry@us.army.mil](mailto:brian.r.merry@us.army.mil).

### Bible club for children

The Installation Chaplain's Office sponsors a mid-week Bible club Wednesdays from 4 to 5:30 p.m. at Dodd

Field Chapel for children in kindergarten through fifth grade. Register students at Dodd Field Chapel, 1721 Dodd Blvd., between Cole High School and School Age Services. For more information, call Robb Wood at 221-3749 or e-mail [robb.wood@us.army.mil](mailto:robb.wood@us.army.mil).

### PWOC Bible study

The Protestant Women of the Chapel invite all women to participate in the fall Bible study classes. Classes are held Wednesdays from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. and Thursdays from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Dodd Field Chapel. Childcare is available up to age 5. For more information or a list of classes, call Paulette Jordan at 462-7676.

## Fort Freebies

### Submission guidelines:

Freebies are published on a first-come, first-served basis. The deadline is close of business Friday. Freebies are intended for personal household goods, and may only be submitted by active, retired or reserve military mem-

bers and civilian employees working on Fort Sam Houston. Real estate ads will not be published. To submit a Fort Freebie, e-mail [news.leader@samhouston.army.mil](mailto:news.leader@samhouston.army.mil) or fax to 221-1198. Freebies run for one week unless submitter calls to renew. Limit of five items per entry. For more information, call 221-1031.

**For Sale:** Kenmore upright freezer, \$250; antique marble top dresser with mirror, \$300. Call 221-1031 days or 262-5501 evenings.

**For Sale:** Coach bag, \$25; Pekingese pup, \$395; baby swing, \$45; Resistol hat, \$45; bookcase/entertainment center, \$125; pet carrier, \$10. Call 633-3859.

**For Sale:** German-made kitchen table with storage benches and four chairs, seats eight, solid pine, \$70 obo. Call Karen at 404-2445.

**For Sale:** Adjustable drafting table, chair and light, \$54.95; computer table with drawers, cabinet and shelves, \$54.95; 1992 Ford Deluxe Magnum conversion van, loaded, \$2,995. Call 659-6741.

**For Sale:** Graco infant car seat, like new, used once, \$75. Call 646-7324.

**For Sale:** Four Chevy tires, all in good condition, \$75; jogger stroller, \$20; baby stroller with baby carrier, \$40. Call 836-4854.

**For Sale:** Kirsch 5.1 home audio

surround-sound system, like new, still have boxes, \$800 obo. Call 831-4887.

**For Sale:** Large entertainment center/buffet, hand carved front, 65 inches high, 18 inches deep, 42 inches wide, \$100; collector's plates, Norman Rockwell and others, \$15 each; light brown mink stole, \$100; Evan Picone black velvet, ladies' jacket, size 10. Call 824-0956.

**For Sale:** Hitachi, DVD digital camcorder with still photo capability, records to DVD-RAM or DVD-R, 18X optical zoom, \$500; Fisher Price Lil' Quad, excellent condition, \$55. Call 680-1079.

**For Sale:** Two LG 300 cell phones with chargers, need SIM cards, \$10; five-gallon, plastic, reptile aquarium with accessories, \$25; ladies' size 10 to 12 formals and two piece suits, \$25 each; girls' clothes, size 16, \$5 to \$15. Call 826-0882.

**For Sale:** Infant boy clothing, sizes 0 to 3 months to 6 to 9 months, pictures available, nothing over \$5.

Call 275-2237.

**For Sale:** King size reversible comforter set, includes sheets, bathroom accessories, palm tree design, all for \$75; white wicker fainting couch from Pier1, with cushion, \$90; jewelry armoire with five drawers, two side doors, antique oak, \$50. Call 697-9261.

**For Sale:** 2005 Toyota Tundra SR-5 Quad-Cab, Texas Edition, like new condition, 20-inch chrome wheels with new low profile tires, AM/FM/CD player, tilt wheel, captain chairs, factory chrome running boards, sprayed bed liner, towing package, one owner, \$19,400, (wholesale value.) Call 454-0019.

**For Sale:** AKC miniature schnauzer puppy, salt and pepper, female, 12-weeks old, all shots, de-wormed, tail and dewclaws removed, puppy kit, \$275. Call Hector 803-546-4026.

**For Sale:** Blue Ox Towbar system, like new, cables, step-down hitch, cost \$600 new, will sell for \$350 obo. Call 860-9217.

## Career Clips

**Executive assistant, San Antonio** - Must demonstrate a high degree of proficiency in typing skills, 80 words per minute preferred, MS Word and Excel; proficiency in PowerPoint is strongly preferred; must possess highly-developed, demonstrable communication and organization skills and a high level of attention to detail.

**Patient contact representative, San Antonio** - Outbound and Inbound internal/external customer contact. Supports KCI Field Distribution Centers with Home VAC delivery and pickup work order processing, must facilitate a timely return of Proof of Home Delivery/ Assignment of Benefits paperwork; maintain service level expectations and performance indicators set by management.

The Army Career and Alumni Program office provides numerous services to eligible people in transition including job assistance. Information on these and other positions is available to ACAP customers in the ACAP Office, Building 2263, Room B099 or by calling 221-1213.